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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK RELATIONS- FOREIGN SECRETARY'S  
STATEMENT

HEREWITH THE STAEMENT MADE BY GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY  
AGHA SHAHI, LEADER OF THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION TO THE  
INDO-PAK CIVIL AVIATION TALKS IN NEW DELHI, UPON HIS  
RETURN TO PAKISTAN ON MAY 20, IT WAS PROVIDED TO THE  
EMBASSY BY MFA.

TEXT.

" THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED  
THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AN  
AGREEMENT IN REGARD TO THE RESUMPTION OF OVER-  
FLIGHTS AND AIRLINKS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN.  
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IT WAS OUR SINCERE BELIEF THAT AN AGREEMENT ON

RESUMPTION OF OVERFLIGHTS AND AIRLINKS WOULD  
CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE FURTHERING OF NORMALI-  
SATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. TO THIS END THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION  
WORKED OUT SEVERAL FORMULATIONS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE  
A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO POSITIONS. REGRET-  
FULLY THE RESUMPTION OF AIRLINKS AND OVERFLIGHTS  
WAS MADE CONDITIONAL ON THE WITHDRAWAL BY PAKISTAN  
OF ITS 1971 COMPLAINT TO THE ICAO. IT IS DIFFI-  
CULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHY DISCONTINUANCE  
WAS SO MUCH INSISTED UPON WHEN PAKISTAN HAD UNDER-  
TAKEN NOT TO ACTIVATE ITS COMPLAINT BUT TO SEEK  
A BILATERAL SETTLEMENT OF ITS CLAIM TO COMPEN-  
SATION FOR THE FINANCIAL LOSS CAUSED BY THE  
INDIAN BAN ON OVERFLIGHTS OF PAKISTAN COMMERCIAL  
AIRCRAFT IN 1971. HOWEVER, THE PAKISTAN DELE-  
GATION HOPES THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE AND THE NEXT ROUND OF  
TALKS WILL RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

" OUR PRESENT VISIT TO NEW DELHI HAS BEEN MOST  
USEFUL AS IT HAS ENABLED US TO ALSO EXCHANGE  
VIEWS WITH THE INDIAN SIDE ON A WIDE RANGE OF  
ISSUES OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE TWO  
COUNTRIES AND TO THE REGION AS A WHOLE. THE  
CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH ADOPTED WITH A VIEW TO  
RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES ON THE QUESTION OF  
DESIGN OF THE SALLAL PROJECT AND THE MEETING OF  
MINDS IN REGARD TO CESSATION OF HOSTILE RADIO  
PROPAGANDA ARE BUT TWO OF THE POSITIVE RESULTS  
OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS. IN THE END, LET ME REITE-  
RATE THAT PAKISTAN IS SINCERELY DETERMINED TO  
CARRY ON THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION AS AGREED  
UPON AT SIMLA."

END TEXT.

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